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# **THEATERS IN VIENNA**

**THE COMPLETE GUIDE**

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## Your Secret Vienna Theaters Guide

**Welcome** to our beautiful city, Vienna! This city stands as a symbol of history, artistry, and innovation, being home to many theaters catering to many different interests. Theater lovers, classical compositions fans, or simply curious visitors will equally enjoy Vienna's artistic world, where there's something for just about everyone!

**This** comprehensive guide will enable you to unlock the treasures within Vienna's famous theaters. It includes iconic and even world renowned places like the **Burgtheater** and the **Vienna's English Theater** as well as many lesser-known gems awaiting to be discovered.

**Get** ready to fall in love with the theater world, enjoy masterpieces that'll leave you speechless, fun performances that'll have you laughing till your sides hurt, get to know the rich stories behind Vienna's artistic legacy. Whether you're drawn to gripping dramas, comedy, or contemporary plays, we've got a little bit of everything. Forget any boring old ideas you might have about theater; it's anything but!

**Join** us as we embark on a journey of discovery through Vienna's theaters. You can go solo, just wandering around and discovering at your own pace, or if you like, join one of our licensed tour guides on one of our **Secret Vienna walking tours**.

**As** Vienna has so much to offer, it is recommended to plan in advance and to carefully choose the sites, museums, concert houses and landmarks you want to visit. To help you with your plan, we've created our Secret Vienna **blog**. There, we share many tips and recommendations that will help you plan a complete and balanced program for your stay in Vienna.

**Our** blog includes not only recommendations but also many history articles that can enrich your visit and equip you with useful background knowledge. You will also find there event recommendations for anything from current exhibitions to theater productions and standup comedy.

**Museums** and galleries regularly produce incredible exhibitions which you don't want to miss. Head over to our **website** and get all the information you need for a fun and rich vacation.

**Lastly**, if you want to receive updates about our unique tours and experiences or get local tips before your stay, we recommend subscribing to our newsletter. We send it once a month and it will give you a lot of useful info for the perfect vacation in Vienna.

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## THEATERS IN VIENNA

### Choosing the right theater

Choosing the right theater isn't just about picking a place to watch a play. It's about finding a spot where the stories on stage whisper directly to your heart, and the performances leave you spellbound, thinking about them long after the curtains close. So, how do you pick the perfect theater from those that sparkle under the city lights?

First things first, think about where the theater is. Is it in the heart of the city, buzzing with energy, or tucked away in a quieter neighborhood, offering a more intimate experience? Consider how easy it is to get there. Can you hop on a bus or a tram, or is there parking nearby if you're driving?

Look at the kind of plays and performances the theater hosts. Are you into classic Shakespearean dramas that transport you to another era, or do you prefer modern plays that tackle today's issues? Maybe you're a fan of musicals that make you want to dance in the aisles. Choose a theater that regularly shows the type of content you love!

Every theater has its own vibe. Some are grand and opulent, making you feel like you've stepped back in time, while others are modern and minimalistic, focusing all your attention on the performance. Visit their website or social media pages, or even the theater itself if you can, to get a feel for the place.

### Theaters

Vienna, a city that dances easily between its imperial past and a vibrant contemporary scene, is a haven for theater lovers. Known for its rich history in music, art, and performance, the city boasts an array of theaters that offer everything from mind blowing operas to avant-garde plays.

Both seasoned theater-goer and those looking to dip their toes into the world of drama can find something special here. Let's take a look at what makes Viennese theaters a must-visit for anyone seeking a touch of magic!







### Did you know?

After opening in a 99-seat playhouse in the Erzherzog Karl Palais in central Vienna, the theater moved several times over the next ten years to accommodate its growing audience.

## Vienna English Theater

Let's talk about the Vienna English Theater, a real standout in Vienna. Here, you can catch plays performed entirely in **English**, right in the heart of the city. Established in 1963, it holds the distinction of being the oldest English-speaking theater in Europe outside of the UK.

Whether you're drawn to dramas, comedies, or thrilling mysteries, the Vienna English Theater offers something for everyone. It's not just a hit with tourists; locals also appreciate the charm and quality of the English-language performances! The atmosphere is cozy and inviting, making every visit a memorable experience. If you happen to find yourself in Vienna and you're looking for a unique cultural outing, the Vienna English Theater is definitely worth adding to your itinerary!

**We recommend the Vienna English Theater for anyone looking for a fun cultural activity in English in Vienna. Check out their website [HERE](#) for more information!**

## Open House Theater

Whether you're a local looking for a night out or a visitor seeking entertainment, this theater offers a fantastic opportunity to enjoy high-quality performances without any language barriers to worry about.

Open House Theater perform in various theaters around the city, always focusing on cosy venues. They carefully select highly talented local and international actors for their productions and we can tell you from experience that it's always fantastic!

So, if you are a die-hard theater fan like us the Open House Theater absolutely deserves a spot on your must-visit list!

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Open House Theater!**





## Burgtheater

The Burgtheater, originally known as K.K. Theater an der Burg, then until 1918 as the K.K. Hofburgtheater, is the national theater of Vienna and one of the most famous theaters in the world! It's been around for a very long time, since 1748, making it a big part of Vienna's history and culture.

The Burgtheater showcases a diverse range of German language performances, including classical plays, modern dramas, and innovative productions. Its architecture and luxurious interiors provide a unique atmosphere, fitting for a grand experience!

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Burgtheater!**

## Vienna State Opera

The Vienna State Opera is one of the most famous and historic opera houses in the world and it has been enchanting audiences since it first opened its doors in 1869.

Inside, visitors can experience the magic of opera and ballet performances, featuring some of the finest singers, musicians, and dancers from around the globe! From classic masterpieces by composers like Mozart, Verdi, and Wagner to modern productions, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

A night at the Vienna State Opera promises to be an unforgettable experience filled with beauty, passion, and fun!

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Vienna State Opera!**





## Volkstheater

The Volkstheater, one of the largest theaters in Vienna, is located in the city's vibrant 7th district, Neubau. Its location is fantastic, right by the MuseumsQuartier, not far from the Ringstraße. This historic institution, is probably one of your best options if you are looking for high quality, artistic productions in German. Even if you don't speak German, we recommend checking the program to see if there's something for your taste.

What we love about this theater is the diverse program offered there, with all kind of styles of plays that cater to a large variety of interests. You can go there to watch classic plays, modern drams or musicals, among other productions.

Additionally, the theater is proactive in making culture accessible, offering several initiatives to attract a diverse audience, including affordable ticket options and special programs for young visitors.

If you don't have time to attend a show, you can also explore the beautiful building as part of a guided tour, which is offered by the theater. We are sure you will love it!

**Get your classic concert tickets [HERE!](#)**







## **Volksoper**

Located in the 9th district, the Volksoper is known for its performances of operas, operettas, musicals, and ballets. With its welcoming atmosphere and affordable ticket prices, the Volksoper makes high-quality productions accessible to a wide audience!

Whether you're a seasoned opera lover or just looking for a night of entertainment, the Volksoper promises an experience filled with music, drama, and excitement that is sure to make you want to come back for more!

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Volksoper!**

## **Ronacher**

Known for its musical performances and stunning architecture, the Ronacher offers visitors an experience unlike any other! Originally built in the late 19th century, the theater has undergone numerous renovations to preserve its grandeur while also incorporating modern amenities.

The Ronacher provides the perfect setting for a diverse range of productions. If you're looking for something to do on a night out, the Ronacher is a place to consider!

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Ronacher!**

## **Schlosstheater Schönbrunn**

The Schlosstheater Schönbrunn is nestled within the grounds of the Schönbrunn Palace. Built in the late 17th century, the theater offers visitors a glimpse into the royal entertainment of the past.

Today, the Schlosstheater Schönbrunn continues to host performances, allowing audiences to experience the magic of live theater in a setting rich with history. Whether you're a lover of classical music, opera, or theater, a visit to the Schönbrunn Palace Theater is a must!

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Schlosstheater Schönbrunn!**

## Theater in der Josefstadt

Established in 1788, it's one of the oldest theaters in Vienna and continues to be a cornerstone of the city's cultural scene.

With a cozy atmosphere and an intimate setting, the theater offers a diverse range of performances, including classical plays and contemporary dramas. It's a favorite among locals and visitors alike for its high-quality productions and talented performers.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Theater in der Josefstadt!

## Theater de Marionnettes

The Theater de Marionnettes in Vienna is a charming puppet theater where stories come to life through the magic of puppetry.

This theater offers delightful performances for both children and adults alike. With intricate puppets, colorful sets, and captivating storytelling, audiences are transported to fantastical worlds and enchanted adventures.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Theater de Marionnettes!

## Odeon Theater

Dating back to the early 20th century, this historic theater has been a place for creativity and entertainment for generations!

Known for its intimate atmosphere and diverse performances, the Odeon Theater offers a wide range of productions including plays, musicals, concerts, and more. Come and experience the magic of live performance in this iconic Viennese venue!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Theater Odeon!

## Theater an der Wien

The Theater an der Wien is a historic theater in Vienna located on the Left Wienzeile in the Mariahilf district. Completed in 1801, the theater has hosted the premieres of many celebrated works of theater, opera, and symphonic music.

Whether you're a seasoned theater enthusiast or a newcomer to the arts, a visit to the Theater an der Wien promises to be an amazing experience!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Theater an der Wien!

## Akademietheater

The Akademietheater in Vienna is a well known theater known for its rich history and vibrant performances. It has been a cultural hub for both locals and visitors alike. Established in the 19th century, the theater has hosted a wide range of classic and contemporary plays, showcasing the talents of both emerging and established actors.

With its elegant architecture and intimate atmosphere, the Akademietheater offers audiences a memorable theatrical experience!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Akademietheater!

## Theater im Zentrum

With a rich history and a commitment to diverse programming, this child and youth theater offers a wide range of productions, from classic plays to innovative contemporary works!

Situated in a central location, it's easily accessible for locals and visitors alike. Whether you're a seasoned theatergoer or new to the scene, Theater im Zentrum promises engaging performances in a welcoming atmosphere.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Theater im Zentrum!



## Kabinetttheater

The Kabinetttheater is a puppet theater in Vienna founded in 1989. The productions of the Kabinetttheater provide a wide range of variations of puppet theater that are sure to appeal to all types of puppet theater fans!

Puppetry, music, spoken and narrative theater are often combined to create performances that will leave you wanting to come back for more. The theater is also known for its repertoire of mini-dramas, which includes over 40 plays.

These short plays are based on theater texts by playwrights such as HC Artmann, Konrad Bayer, Wolfgang Bauer, Franz Grillparzer, and Daniil Charms.

Click [HERE](#) to visit their website and learn more about the Kabinetttheater!

## Schubert Theater

The Schubert Theater is a small theater in Vienna's 9th district of Alsergrund with around 180 performances per season. The focus of the theater is on puppet theater!

Known and loved for its morbidly humorous evenings as well as for its poetic picture journeys, the Schubert Theater is a place of fantasy and magic. For several years now, the theater has been dedicated to puppet theater for adults and has created new and old material, from classics like "Faust" and "Blade Runner" to biographies like "F. Zawrel" and "The Faces of Hedy Lamarr".

Click [HERE](#) for more details about the Schubert Theater!

## Komödie am Kai

The Komödie am Kai is a small theater at the Schwedenplatz, near the buzzing Bermudadreieck area.

the Komödie am Kai has been entertaining theater audiences for 37 years now, and this small theater offers a varied program in a cultivated atmosphere. And no matter whether classic or modern, whether thriller or love story - they aim to make you laugh!

Click [HERE](#) to book your tickets to a Classic concert at Komödie am Kai!

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## Theater am Spittelberg

The Theater am Spittelberg offers a variety of productions, ranging from cabaret to world music, from international acts to performances by the local young scene, from adult theater to children's comedy (their own Sunday family show), always spiced up with a typical Viennese touch.

Quality and originality in a rustic location come together for a diverse audience. The family atmosphere is a plus and their motto is: Come in for a pleasantly touching mix of cultures of a very special kind. In a new ambience - and with new surprises!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Theater am Spittelberg!

## Kunst im Prückel

Built originally in the early 1900s, quite a bit of Kunst im Prückel was renovated in 1954, an in-house theater in the basement houses regular readings, plays, and other performances.

Kunst im Prückel adds its own touch of local flair by hosting exhibitions, seminars, and music that you can enjoy while sipping on a cup of freshly brewed coffee.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Kunst im Prückel!

## Dschungel Wien Theater

Dschungel Wien, founded in 2004, is an international production house for independent performing arts with a focus on young audiences.

The program is created in collaboration with local and international artists, collectives, partners, production and training centers and the needs of the audience.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Dschungel Wien Theater!

## MusikTheater an der Wien im MuseumsQuartier

The Theater an der Wien is one of Vienna's most beautiful and historically significant theaters. Built in 1801 in the spirit of Mozart by his librettist Emanuel Schikaneder, it has seen many historic world premieres, including Beethoven's only opera *Fidelio*!

To coincide with the celebrations marking Mozart's 250th birthday, the Theater an der Wien was reopened in 2006 as "the new opera house" of the City of Vienna.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the MusikTheater an der Wien im MuseumsQuartier!

## Raimund Theater

Named after the Austrian dramatist Ferdinand Raimund, the theater was built by an association of Viennese citizens and opened on 28 November 1893 with Raimund's play "Die gefesselte Phantasie".

The Raimund Theater hosts plays only in German, but don't worry! Subtitles in English are available during the performance to ensure you can enjoy this fun experience whether you're a German speaker or not!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Raimund Theater!

## Kasperl und Pezi Wiener Theater

Welcome to Kasperl und Pezi Wiener Theater in Vienna! This charming theater is a spot for families and friends looking for some fun-filled entertainment. Named after the beloved puppet characters Kasperl and Pezi, this theater brings their adventures to life on stage.

The Kasperl und Pezi Wiener Theater offers a range of performances, featuring puppetry, music, and plenty of laughter!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Kasperl und Pezi Wiener Theater!



## Kammerspiele

The Kammerspiele have been presenting modern writers who approach current social issues with irony, sarcasm, and humor since 2006.

The beautiful stage design aesthetics of the Kammerspiele in Vienna's city center is sure to draw crowds of people as they perfectly reflect the vibrant city life! Be in the compact 394-seat theater to experience stars from film, TV, and cabaret as well as audience favorites performed live.

**Click [HERE](#) to learn a bit more about the Kammerspiele!**

## Schauspielhaus Wien

Welcome to Schauspielhaus Wien, a hub of contemporary theater in Vienna! Known for its bold and innovative productions, this theater is the go-to spot for anyone eager to experience cutting-edge plays and performances.

Unlike traditional theatrs, Schauspielhaus Wien loves to experiment, often showcasing new talents and modern works that speak to today's audiences. From gripping dramas to thought-provoking pieces, the repertoire here is designed to challenge, entertain, and inspire!

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Schauspielhaus Wien!**

## Rabenhof Theater

"The most beautiful Viennese urinal of the 1920s!" - this is what the Austrian cult entertainers Stermann & Grisseemann titled the Rabenhof Theater, which opened again in autumn 2008 after renovations.

The Rabenhof Theater presents modern, urban folk theater, ranging from musicals to plays, political satire to magic acts, and concert evenings to children's theater. International and national writers can be found on the program, together with well-known figures from the local theater, cabaret, film, and television scenes.

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Rabenhof Theater!**





## Theater Nestroyhof Hamakom

The Nestroyhof Hamakom Theater was founded in 2009 and in just a few years has developed into one of the most important medium-sized theaters in Vienna

The venue hosts a wide range of concerts, showcasing classical music, jazz, and other genres, providing entertainment for music lovers of all tastes.

**Click [HERE](#) to buy your tickets to the Theater Nestroyhof Hamakom!**

## Theater-Center Forum

The Theater-Center Forum has 3 auditoriums, divided over two floors - Hall I on the ground floor is designed in the classicist style, Hall II is decorated in Art Nouveau style and Hall III is decorated in retro style!

Almost 30,000 people visit around forty premieres and slightly more than 350 shows every season. Drama, comedy, crime thrillers, musicals, shows, cabaret, travesty, and special guest performances are all included in the schedule.

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Theater-Center Forum!**

## Theater Drachengasse

The Theater Drachengasse was founded in 1981 by Emmy Werner and has undergone numerous transformations since then. From a "Space for Women's Cultural Activities" to a professional stage with strong ties to the independent theater scene, it has always remained true to its founders' goal of promoting women in the theater industry without excluding men.

For many years, they have successfully maintained a modern position with their in-house shows, which feature innovative forms, debuts and world premieres, new playwrights, and play development.

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Theater Drachengasse!**

## Theater franzjosefskai21

Renovated from the ground up the Theater franzjosefskai21 has been running since May 2014.

The small theater has 50 only seats and opened with the play The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka.

**Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Theater Franzjosefskai21!**





## Theater Delphin

One thing is very important to Theater Delphin: togetherness.

Theater Delphin encourages the growth of individual cultures and acts as an opportunity for encounters without judgment. Their goal is to create inclusive, sustainable art projects.

For them, all performances are unique – text, music, lighting, costumes and scenery are all created in a joint production.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Theater Delphin!

## DIE NEUE TRIBÜNE

The THEATER DIE TRIBÜNE was founded in 1953 and it is the oldest small theater still in existence in Vienna, looking back on a past rich in tradition!

Events like book presentations, reading evenings, and song and music evenings are scheduled due to the excellent acoustics. The theater considers itself to be always on the lookout for premieres and discoveries: a stage for new talents, be they actors, dancers, musicians, writers, directors or set designers!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about DIE NEUE TRIBÜNE!

## Dinnershow at Rathauskeller

The best local gastronomy treats and well-known Austrian melodies will be presented to you at the Rathauskeller Dinnershow!

Enjoy a vibrant presentation featuring Austria's musical treasures, performed by the ensemble's musicians, great singers, and passionate dancers. They will serve you a three-course menu featuring specialties from Austrian cuisine in between each program.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Dinnershow at Rathauskeller





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## Classic Tours

In Vienna, you will find beauty wherever you look. Palaces, gardens and countless monuments are abundant in our beloved city, awaiting you to explore them. Near every main street, however, there are countless secret alleyways, hidden courtyards and other ancient secrets.

In our classic Secret Vienna tours, you will get to uncover Vienna's secrets and get to know it from different perspectives.

Click [HERE](#) to book a private classic tour!



## Dark and Mysterious Tours

When thinking about Vienna, we are used to think about classical music, Mozart, Sisi or even maybe a delicious Apfelstrudel. But darkness, mysteries and bloody tales have shaped our city just as much.

Walk in the footsteps of spies and criminals, hear eerie stories and uncover countless secrets on our dark and mysterious tours.

View our dark and mysterious tours [HERE!](#)

## Museum Tours

Perfect for locals and visitors alike, our Museum Tours are your key to the secrets behind the masterpieces, the tales hidden in the corners, and the whispers of the past that echo through the halls of Vienna's museums.

Whether you're a first-time visitor or a born and raised Viennese, there's always something new to discover. Let us show you the wonders of Vienna's museums in a way you've never experienced before!

Click [HERE](#) to book an exciting museum tour!



## In the Footsteps of Greatness

This one-of-a-kind city walking tour through Vienna brings to life both the triumphant successes and the dramatic failures of the past. Discover unsung heroes and gain a deeper understanding of familiar icons.

Transform historical figures from mere names in a textbook to inspiring role models by literally walking in their footsteps.

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